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The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Russell.

Representative **RUSSELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I keep being told that the people demand that we pass the bill that we just passed and that we set back and roll back our health care provisions and our insurance provisions that have been there, that have made us a model state.

It's interesting, Mr. Speaker. As I walked through the halls of the State House, I saw countless people who had taken time off from their busy schedules to be here because they believed that the process was better, could be better. I heard people demand that we actually listen to the people, and I want to commend the good Representative from Waterville, Representative Beck, and I want to commend the good members of the committee who thought about the people when they put this amendment together.

I'm a little concerned that the rain has made us forget. It's sunshine and transparency that are fundamental to our democracy. I fear that we have forgotten that people are the citizens of this state and not the corporations. Let us remember that at the heart of our state is heart, it is soul, and that that which you do to the least of me, you do to me. I do not support the current motion and I believe that there are many members of this state right now who are demanding that we vote no. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bowdoinham, Representative Berry.

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I, too, have heard it said today more than once that some folks have been begging for these reforms.

I've heard from one person, one business owner this morning, who asked that I vote in favor of LD 1333. I heard from 12,000 small businesses this morning who asked that I vote against it. When I responded and gave some information to the one small business owner that I did hear from, he changed his mind.

Mr. Speaker, I have heard from no elderly Mainers or older Mainers who want to see their rates five times higher than that of younger Mainers. I have heard from no hardworking Mainers, people who work with their hands in farming and foresting and wood hauling, fishing, lobstering, who want their rates to be higher.

I would ask, not through the Chair, but in case someone is out there that might answer some of the questions that have been asked today, whether any Maine citizens, not representing insurance companies, have come before the committee of jurisdiction and have asked that those measures be adopted. And if the answer is no or if there is no answer, then I would ask that all of us here in this chamber vote down the pending motion so that we can adopt the amendment that's been offered and make this bill a slightly better one. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "A" (H-191) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-186). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 30

YEA - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Bickford, Black, Burns DC, Burns DR, Cebra, Chase, Clark T, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Curtis, Cushing, Damon, Davis, Dow, Dunphy, Edgecomb, Espling, Fitts, Fitzpatrick, Fossel, Foster, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Hamper, Harmon, Harvell, Johnson D, Johnson P, Keschl, Knapp, Knight, Libby, Long, Maker, McClellan, McFadden, McKane, Morissette, Moulton, Nass, Newendyke, O'Connor, Olsen, Parker, Parry, Picchiotti, Plummer,

Prescott, Richardson D, Richardson W, Rioux, Rosen, Sanderson, Sarty, Sirocki, Strang Burgess, Tilton, Timberlake, Turner, Volk, Waterhouse, Weaver, Willette A, Willette M, Winsor, Wintle, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Beliveau, Berry, Blodgett, Boland, Briggs, Bryant, Cain, Carey, Casavant, Chapman, Chipman, Clark H, Clarke, Cornell du Houx, Dill C, Dill J, Dion, Driscoll, Duchesne, Eberle, Eves, Flemings, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Harlow, Haskell, Hayes, Herbig, Hinck, Hogan, Hunt, Innes Walsh, Kaenrath, Kent, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Lovejoy, Luchini, MacDonald, Maloney, Martin, Mazurek, McCabe, Morrison, Nelson, O'Brien, Peoples, Peterson, Pilon, Priest, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Sanborn, Shaw, Stevens, Stuckey, Theriault, Treat, Tuttle, Valentino, Wagner R, Webster, Welsh.

ABSENT - Bolduc, Celli, Flood, Hanley, Malaby.

Yes, 75; No, 71; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 71 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "A" (H-191) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-186) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

Subsequently, **Committee Amendment "A" (H-186) was ADOPTED.**

Representative **MARTIN** of Eagle Lake **OBJECTED** to suspending the rules in order to give the Bill its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading.

Representative **CURTIS** of Madison **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to suspend the rules in order to give the Bill its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

Subsequently, Representative **CURTIS** of Madison **WITHDREW** his request for a roll call.

Subsequently, the Bill was assigned for **SECOND READING** Tuesday, May 10, 2011.

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Promote Further Stability within the Workers' Compensation System by Extending the Number of Terms That May Be Served on the Maine Employers' Mutual Insurance Company Board of Directors

(H.P. 267) (L.D. 334)

(C. "A" H-102)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 133 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Make Technical Changes to Aquaculture Laws

(H.P. 270) (L.D. 337)

(C. "A" H-106)

An Act To Create the Maine Fishery Infrastructure Tax Credit Program

(S.P. 125) (L.D. 421)

(C. "A" S-42)

An Act To Clarify the Role of the Public Advocate